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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "[Look up a healthcare provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health website](#) (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Benton County

In August 2014 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Yansong Yao** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Yao has no Washington massage practitioner or reflexologist credential. At his place of business, he allegedly told two Department of Health investigators that he performed massages. When a different investigator visited the business, a woman allegedly told the investigator that both she and Yao gave massages.

In August 2014 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program charged chemical dependency professional and chemical dependency professional trainee **Amy M. Eylar** (CP60188525, CO60152969) with unprofessional conduct. In 2014 Eylar was convicted of unlawful imprisonment and charges say she didn't report the conviction as required by law. She hasn't responded to a Department of Health investigator's inquiry.

Clark County

In August 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Emily Samantha-Jai Elliott** (NC60293617) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly admitted stealing money from a resident at a senior living facility where she worked.

In August 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program ended conditions on the credential of registered nursing assistant **Natyjoy M. Pangot** (NA60083627).

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King County

In August 2014 the Respiratory Care Practitioner Program ended probation for respiratory care practitioner **Jodie L. Kuberski** (LR00004046).

In August 2014 the Dental Hygienist Program entered an agreement with dental hygienist **Mary B. Suhadolnik** (DH00002186) that places her credential on probation for at least three years and requires her to remain enrolled in a substance abuse monitoring program. Suhadolnik must pay a \$2,500 fine and complete continuing education in ethics. Suhadolnik admitted using a dentist's name, credentials, and U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration number to fraudulently order controlled substance prescriptions for herself. She was criminally charged with four counts of possession of a controlled substance by fraud.

In August 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program conditionally granted a certified nursing assistant credential to **Jhinea Martinez** (NC60468750) and placed her credential on probation for at least one year. In 2003 Martinez was convicted of second-degree theft and second-degree attempted possession of stolen property. In 2008 she was convicted of obstructing a law enforcement officer. Between 2005 and 2008 she was convicted of six counts of prostitution, one count of loitering for prostitution, and four counts of third-degree driving with a suspended license.

In August 2014 the Naturopathy Board entered an agreement with naturopathic physician **Beth A. Di Domenico** (NT00000861) under which she'll be monitored for at least three years. During that time, she must surrender her registration to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and won't be allowed to prescribe any controlled substances. Di Domenico must pay a \$2,000 fine, complete continuing education in ethics, and write an essay about prescriptive scope of practice and appropriate use of a DEA registration. Di Domenico practiced beyond her scope in prescribing controlled substances for her patients, and allowed other naturopathic physicians to use her DEA number to prescribe controlled substances.

In August 2014 the Medical Commission charged physician **Philip A. Young** (MD00044851) with unprofessional conduct. Young performed facial surgery on three patients. Charges say all three had serious postoperative infections that required treatment from other professionals. He allegedly didn't meet the standard of care when he didn't properly diagnose and treat the infections, thus resulting in unnecessary delay and exposing the patients to serious risk of harm. Young allegedly promoted his cosmetic surgery practice by suggesting additional procedures instead of properly resolving the issues. He also allegedly kept inadequate records.

In August 2014 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Kristin Leigh Peralta** (RN00101340) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Peralta worked at a beauty spa and allegedly injected clients with cosmetic treatments like Botox without a physician's order and before the clients met with a physician.

Kitsap County

In August 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program conditionally granted a registered nursing assistant credential to **Christina Lee Kauffroath** (NA60484838), placed her on probation for at

least one year, and ordered her to complete continuing education in managing behavior. Kauffroath entered a deferred prosecution agreement after being charged in 2014 with fourth-degree assault — domestic violence.

Kittitas County

In August 2014 the Physical Therapy Board charged physical therapy assistant **Brian Wayne Bush** (P160229400) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Bush inappropriately touched three patients and spoke inappropriately to one of them. Following treatment of a fourth patient, Bush allegedly held her hand while making conversation and told her she should look up his 21-year-old son, saying, “You two would really hit it off.”

Pierce County

In August 2014 the Dental Commission charged dentist and moderate sedation permit holder **April Loraine Ziegele** (DE00007932, D360372280) with unprofessional conduct. Ziegele allegedly placed dental implants at an incorrect depth.

In August 2014 the Nursing Commission conditionally granted an advanced registered nurse practitioner credential to **Susan Ann King** (AP60439687) and placed her on probation for two years. On her application, King disclosed a medical condition that requires monitoring to ensure she can practice safely.

In August 2014 the Pharmacy Commission charged pharmacy technician **Kendi N. Lebedinets** (VA00053950) with unprofessional conduct. Lebedinets allegedly falsified documents regarding staff members passing skills tests where she worked when the test had not been done. She hasn’t responded to an investigator’s inquiry.

Skagit County

In August 2014 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Michael T. Lockrem** (RN60100809) with unprofessional conduct. Lockrem documented disposing of a controlled substance that had been prescribed for a patient, allegedly using the forged signature of another nurse. The other nurse was allegedly not present and didn’t witness the disposal of the medication.

Thurston County

In August 2014 the Medical Commission charged physician assistant **Larry G. Malcolm** (PA10002342) with unprofessional conduct. Malcolm allegedly looked up a colleague’s personal health information without permission or a need to know, and then answered falsely during an internal investigation when he was asked about looking at the data.

In August 2014 the Osteopathic Board filed an amended statement of charges against osteopathic physician **David Evan Little** (OP00000751) to revise the number of patients in cases involving Little’s narcotic medication prescribing practices.

Walla Walla County

In July 2014 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program denied an emergency medical technician credential to **Shauna Mae Barker** (ES60345097). When Barker applied for a license, she provided false information indicating she'd passed national exams.

Yakima County

In August 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **David F. Clark** (NC10031538) with unprofessional conduct. Clark allegedly pushed a client out of a wheelchair and stomped on his back. In a settlement with the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), Clark agreed not to work for any DSHS-certified facilities where his primary role would be to care for vulnerable adults or children, and he's not allowed to contract with DSHS to care for vulnerable adults or children. He also agreed to forfeit any license or certificate he holds through the Department of Health and never to apply for a future license or certificate.

Out of State

Minnesota: In July 2014 the Nursing Commission denied a registered nurse credential to **Peter Onkuru** (RN60450624). Between 2010 and 2012 Onkuru was convicted in Minnesota of several charges of driving while intoxicated.

Oregon: In August 2014 the Nursing Commission ended conditions on the credential of registered nurse **James Corin McGraw** (RN00166174).

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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